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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE**

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In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2007 and pursuant to *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment.